

REMARKS

Reconsideration is requested.

Claims 80 and 174-259 are pending. Claims 80, 174-192, 203, 204, 206-221, 230-243, 250-254 and 257-259 have been allowed.

Claim 205 has been canceled above, without prejudice. Claims 80, 174-204 and 206-259 will be pending upon entry of the present Amendment.

The present Amendment does not add new matter. The present Amendment does not raise new issues requiring further search and/or consideration.

The Section 112, second paragraph, rejection of claim 205 will be moot upon entry of the present Amendment. Entry of the present Amendment is requested to at least reduce the issues for appeal.

The Section 112, second paragraph, rejection of claims 193-202, 222-229, 244-249, 255 and 256 is traversed. Reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejection are requested in view of the following comments.

Independent claim 80 defines Q² as being either
independently: C₄₋₈alkylene; and is optionally substituted; and has a backbone length of at least 4 atoms;

or:

independently: C₅₋₂₀arylene-C₁₋₇alkylene; and is optionally substituted; and has a backbone length of at least 4 atoms.

The rejected dependent claims find support for their definition of Q^2 in the definition of Q^2 as a "C₄₋₈alkylene; and is optionally substituted; and has a backbone length of at least 4 atoms" in independent claim 80.

Specifically, claim 193 defines Q^2 as C₄₋₈alkylene and is optionally substituted

claim 194 defines Q^2 as a saturated aliphatic C₄₋₈alkylene group;

claim 195 defines Q^2 as a saturated aliphatic C₄₋₈alkylene group; claim 196 defines Q^2 as a saturated aliphatic C₄₋₈alkylene group; claim 197 defines Q^2 as a saturated aliphatic C₄₋₈alkylene group; claim 198 defines Q^2 as a saturated aliphatic C₄₋₈alkylene group; claim 199 defines Q^2 as a saturated aliphatic C₄₋₈alkylene group; claim 200 defines Q^2 as a saturated aliphatic C₄₋₈alkylene group; claim 201 defines Q^2 as a saturated aliphatic C₄₋₈alkylene group; claim 202 defines Q^2 as being selected from -(CH₂)₅-, -(CH₂)₆-, -(CH₂)₇-, and -(CH₂)₈-; claim 222 defines Q^2 as being the same as claim 194, from which claim 222 depends; claim 223 defines Q^2 as being the same as claim 195, from which claim 223 depends; claim 224 defines Q^2 as being the same as claim 196, from which claim 224 depends; claim 225 defines Q^2 as being the same as claim 197, from which claim 225 depends; claim 226 defines Q^2 as being the same as claim 198, from which claim 226 depends; claim 227 defines Q^2 as being the same as claim 199, from which claim 227 depends; claim 228 defines Q^2 as being the same as claim 200, from which claim 228 depends; claim 229 defines Q^2 as being the same as claim 201, from which claim 229 depends; claim 244 defines Q^2 as being the same as claim 195, from which claim 244 depends; claim 245 defines Q^2 as being the same as claim 196, from which claim 245 depends; claim 246 defines Q^2 as being the same as

claim 197, from which claim 246 depends; claim 247 defines Q^2 as being the same as claim 198, from which claim 247 depends; claim 248 defines Q^2 as being the same as claim 199, from which claim 248 depends; claim 249 defines Q^2 as being the same as claim 200, from which claim 249 depends; and claims 255 and 256 define compounds wherein Q^2 is a saturated aliphatic C_{5-6} alkylene.

The rejected claims 193-202, 222-229, 244-249, 255 and 256 find support in the independent claim 80. Withdrawal of the Section 112, second paragraph, rejection of claims 193-202, 222-229, 244-249, 255 and 256 is requested.

The claims are submitted to be in condition for allowance and a Notice to that effect is requested. The Examiner is requested to contact the undersigned, preferable by telephone, in the event anything further is required.

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